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SYNOPSIS OF THE REVIEW OF THE METHODS OF WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/6, regarding the follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, decided to take the necessary steps to implement the provisions of paragraph 46 of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested each functional commission "to examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, recognizing that there is no need for a uniform approach since each functional commission has its own specificity, while also noting that modern methods of work can better guarantee the review of progress made in implementation at all levels, on the basis of a report with recommendations to be submitted by the Secretary-General to each functional commission and relevant subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council on their methods of work, in accordance with the provisions defined by the respective outcomes and relevant decisions taken by each body, bearing in mind the progress recently achieved in this regard by certain commissions, especially the Commission on Sustainable Development; the functional commissions and other relevant bodies of the Economic and Social Council should report to the Council no later than 2005 on the outcome of this examination".

2. With due regard to the specificity of the mandate of each functional commission, the below matrix is prepared to highlight common issues and dimensions of the review of the methods of work undertaken so far.

	Commission for Social Development (CSocD) 43rd Session (9-18 February 2005)
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual meetings for a period of eight working days. • High-level segment commemorated the tenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development. It included two panel discussions with BWIs and ILO and Executive Heads of Regional Commissions with the active participation of NGO and civil society representatives. • Three High-level interactive Roundtable discussions with active participation from governments, UN entities and NGO and civil society representatives. • A general debate with high-level representatives from government ministries as well as the UN system and NGOs.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• Bureau elected at the end of each Session which has ensured continuity and enabled the same Bureau to steer the entire preparatory process, including the pre-session and in-session work of the Commission.

Multi-Year Programme of Work	• Currently, the commission has a MYWP for a five-year period through 2006. A decision was adopted at the 43rd session that created a two-year action-oriented implementation cycle, beginning with 2007, including a review segment and a policy segment. • Consultations at next year's session will be needed before a decision can be taken on the choice of themes of the 2007/2008 cycle and on the inclusion of emerging issues within the programme of work.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Annual joint Bureaux meeting (16 February 2005). • It submits a report on each session to ECOSOC. • In 2005, it submits a declaration to ECOSOC on the 10 year review of the World Summit on Social Development.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Participation in meeting of chairpersons of the functional commissions • Different views have been expressed on the merits of a "lateral" coordination between the Commission and other Functional Commissions. Opinions have been voiced that formal contacts between these commissions would create unnecessary overlaps and duplication. Coordination should be left to the Council. • An exchange of information is useful, provided due notice is taken of the specificity of the mandates. With the same provision cooperation and coordination between secretariats and bureaux should be encouraged to enhance implementation. • A joint meeting was held in 2004 with the Bureau of CSW to share information in preparation for the ten-year review of the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women • Continuous interaction with the CHR on issues relating to persons with disabilities • Since July 2003 the chairperson attends the meetings of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council during the substantive session of ECOSOC.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• The active participation of the BWIs and ILO in panels and the involvement of UN funds and programmes and other entities of the UN system in the roundtables was broadly welcomed. • The active participation at the 43rd session of the UN regional commissions at the level of the UN Executive Heads in the review of Copenhagen was welcomed. • The Commission adopted a decision which invites the regional commissions, in collaboration with DESA, to consider organizing regional meetings and activities to contribute to the work of the Commission in collaboration, as appropriate, with other regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations and bodies and the regional offices of the funds and programs of the UN system. • The active and meaningful participation of all relevant actors in the social development domain was strongly supported. A Civil Society Forum was held one day prior to the opening of the session. Participation of NGOs at the session, which was at an all time high, was welcome. The Outcome was presented to the plenary meeting of the Commission.
Review and Appraisal	• The GA, in its resolutions 58/130 paragraph 23 and 59/146 paragraph 4, and ECOSOC, in its resolution 2004/58, called upon the Commission to transmit to the GA, through the Council, the substantive outcome of the review for its consideration in 2005. The Commission adopted a "Declaration on the tenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development" which it will submit through ECOSOC to the GA as a contribution to the Millennium Summit plus-five review in September 2005.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• The Commission decided, starting from its 45th session, to organize its work in a series of two-year action-oriented implementation cycles, consisting of a review and a policy session with the aim of strengthening the connection between the review of implementation and policy recommendations. • The Commission also decided to further consider its methods of work and the nature of its outcomes, the inclusion of emerging issues within its programme of work, and the choice of themes for the 2007/2008 session at its 44th session in 2006.
Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 49th Session (28 February-11 March 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official	• Annual meetings for a period of ten working days.

meetings, panels, side-events)	• The Commission decided at its 46th session to organize high-level round tables to increase the focus on national level implementation and stimulate increased participation from capitals. Round tables were organized at the 47th, 48th and 49th sessions. • Since 1996 the Commission has organized panel discussions on the themes before the Commission to increase the focus on implementation, sharing of lessons learned and good practices.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• The election of the Bureau follows the closure of the session in order to foster continuity and more effective preparatory processes. The Bureau is elected for a two-year term. • At the end of its 49th session of the Commission elected its bureau for the 50th and 51st sessions. • The Bureau has the well established practice to hold expanded meetings of the bureau for interested Member States to support preparations of the sessions. It was requested to continue this practice in the preparations for the 10 year review and appraisal in 2005.
Multi-Year Programme of Work	• Currently, the Commission has a MYWP for a five year period (2002-2006). • At its 50th session in 2006, the Commission will decide on the length of and the themes for a new MYWP to cover the period from 2007.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Annual joint Bureaux meeting (24 February 2005) • Since 2002 the Commission has provided input to the high-level segment in the form of a note which highlights the recommendations on the topic of the General Assembly, the Council and the Commission. • In 2005, the Commission will submit a Declaration from the 10-year review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at its 49th session
Interaction between functional commissions	• Representatives of the CSW Bureau have participated in a number of joint Bureau meetings. • A joint Bureau meeting was held with the Bureau of CSocD (12 July 2004) to learn from their experience in preparing for the ten-year review and appraisal of the World Summit for Social Development. • Since July 2003, the chairperson attends the meetings of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council during the substantive session of ECOSOC. • Since 2001, the Chair of the CHR has reciprocated the invitation of the Chair of CSW to attend the annual sessions. At the 49th session, the Chair of the CHR delivered a statement at the opening of the Commission.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• There is a significant NGO participation in the Commission. • NGO representatives make statements/input in the General Debate. Selected NGOs are also invited to make inputs to the high-level round tables. • Approximately 2720 NGOs participated in the 49th session. They also organized around 200 side events. • In 2005, NGOs participated in the high-level plenary, the interactive panels, the commemoration of thirty years of the UN efforts for gender equality and empowerment of women and in the commemoration of International Women's Day, which falls during the Commission. • Representatives of UN entities, including the regional commissions participated as panellists in the interactive panels and round tables. One panel during the 49th session was specifically devoted to the work of the regional commissions.
Review and Appraisal	• The Council in its resolution 2004/309 requested the Chairperson to transmit the outcome of CSW to the GA at its 60th session, through ECOSOC, including to the high-level event of the GA on the review of the Millennium Declaration. • The Commission adopted a Declaration from the ten-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at its 49th session. • The focus of the review and appraisal was on implementation at national level with sharing of experiences and good practices. This was facilitated by two high-level round tables organized in parallel and seven interactive panels.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• The Commission decided to continue discussions on the working methods of the CSW at its fiftieth session in 2006.
Statistical Commission (SC)	

36th Session (1– 4 March 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual meetings for a period of four working days. • 2005 panel discussion: "Keeping Pace with Development: Challenges for national statistical systems."
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• Bureau elected at the beginning of each session. A standing recommendation to re-elect Bureau members for a second year. • Bureau's key responsibility is the review of the agenda.
Multi-Year Programme of Work	• MYWP was approved for the period 2005-2008. • Several subjects biennialized.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Annual joint Bureaux meeting (2 March 2005). • Commission carries on its agenda a standing item on follow-up to ECOSOC policy decisions. • It submits a report on each session to ECOSOC. • It will submit to ECOSOC, a draft resolution for adoption by the Council on "2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme" • Biggest contribution to the ongoing work of the Council in the debate on indicators.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Meeting of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council, during the substantive session of ECOSOC. • Circulates, to the secretariats of the other functional commissions, relevant extracts of its reports. • Ad-hoc cooperation, as required by specific technical fields: E.g. conducted in 2005 a programme review for energy statistics, which will feed into the 2006 debate of the Commission for Sustainable Development
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• Numerous collaborative links (e.g. OECD, World Bank, UN/ECE, Eurostat, NGOs, regional organizations)
Review and Appraisal	• Not applicable.
Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) **48th Session (7-14 March 2005)**	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Decided its 48th session would be a five-day as opposed to the envisaged eight-day session. The CND will hold its reconvened session 7-9 December 2005 to address budgetary and administrative matters concerning the Fund of UNDCP. • The programme of the work of Commission is composed of a normative segment for treaty and normative functions, & GA mandates, and an operational segment. • In its operational segment, it exercises its role as the governing body of the UNDCP: approval of the budget of the Fund of UNDCP; provision of policy guidance to the UNODC on its drug programme. • For its 48th session, it decided to hold a thematic debate on drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation: (a) Community capacity building; Preventing HIV/AIDS & other blood-borne diseases in the context of drug abuse prevention. • Established a Committee of the Whole (CoW) to consider technical matters and draft resolutions prior to their consideration by the plenary.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• At the end of its 48th reconvened session, the Commission will elect its Bureau for its 49th session. • The Bureau and the intersessional meetings mechanism, enable the Commission to play a substantive and active role in the organization of its work, including the review of its working practices, and in the provision of policy guidance to UNODC.
Multi-Year Work Programme	• Biennial reporting on Governments progress in meeting goals for year 2008 set out by the GA at its 20th special session. The Executive Director submitted his 3rd biannual report to the CND in 2005. • Themes of thematic debate are usually identified on biennial basis.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Regular joint bureaux meetings sometime after session is concluded.

	• It submits a report on each session to ECOSOC.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Meeting of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council on July 2004, during the substantive session of ECOSOC in New York. • CND continued to pursue actively the synergies between the work of CCPCJ and UNODC.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• Participation of United Nations entities, inter-governmental organizations and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC
Review and Appraisal	• The Commission conducts, on a biennial basis, its review and follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem. As its 48th session in 2005, the Commission considered the third biennial report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• The Bureau elected and the intersessional meetings mechanism, enable the CND to play a substantive and active role in the organization of its work, including the review of its working practices.
Commission on Human Rights (CHR) 61st Session (14 March-22 April 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual meetings for a period of six weeks. • In 2005, 62 official plenary meetings (including 7 additional meetings) and one informal meeting of the CHR were held. During the period of session, side events relating to items on CHR agenda were organized by Permanent Missions, inter-governmental organizations and specialized agencies, OHCHR/DPI and by NGOs. • On the recommendation of the Expanded Bureau, the Commission agreed that document E/CN.4/2003/18 and Corr.1 and the agreed provisions of document E/CN.4/2002/16 would continue to govern the organization of work and conduct of business of its 61st session.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• Bureau of CHR is elected at the beginning of the year, on the third Monday in January (i.e. about seven weeks before the beginning of the Commission's substantive session). • The Expanded Bureau (which also includes five regional coordinators) then meets several times before the session to prepare recommendations on the organizations of the work of CHR. The Expanded Bureau regularly meets throughout the session, normally twice per week, to deal with all matters relating to CHR daily work. • The Expanded Bureau also holds regular meetings during the inter-sessional period to discuss matters relating to the calendar of meetings of CHR, working groups, appointment of new mandate-holders of special procedures, etc. The Expanded Bureau also meets with NGOs, with Sub-Commission members, and with the Bureau of the ECOSOC.
Multi-Year Programme of Work	• The CHR does not have a multi-year work programme, but some of the issues it deals with are scheduled for consideration on a biennial or triennial basis.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• The CHR submits a report on each session to the ECOSOC • Matters relating to coordination with the Council are discussed during annual joint meetings of the Expanded Bureau of CHR with the Bureau of ECOSOC held in May/June, normally via videoconference. • Pursuant to ECOSOC decision 1999/256, para (b)(i), an early action by the Council is requested every year on some of the new proposals adopted by CHR.
Interaction between functional commissions	• The Chair of CHR attends the annual meeting of the chairperson of the functional commissions with the Council in July, during the substantive session of the ECOSOC. • The Chair of the CHR addressed the CSW 49th on 28 February 2005 • On 5 April 2005, the Chair of CSW addressed the CHR 61st. • Also, a joint work plan exists of Division for the Advancement of Women and OHCHR.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• CHR 61st was attended by 7 UN bodies, 9 specialized agencies and related organizations, 13 intergovernmental organizations and other entities, 261 NGOs (with almost 2000 persons accredited) and over 50 national human rights institutions. • CHR 61st also attracted a record number (88) of guest speakers (dignitaries) who are usually governmental representatives at ministerial or higher level and heads of intergovernmental

	organizations and specialized agencies.
Review and Appraisal	
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• Review of Commission's methods of work and formulation of proposals in this area for consideration by the in-coming Bureau are normally part of the post-sessional activities of the Expanded Bureau. • This year, the CHR decided to establish an inter-sessional open-ended working group to meet in June 2005 to reflect on the recommendations on human rights contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all".
Commission on Population and Development (CPD) 38th Session (4-8 April 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual meetings for a period of five working days. • Keynote speakers have been invited to address the Commission for the past 3 years. Panels were convened for a number of years but were discontinued in favour of keynote speakers which have been conducive to interactive dialogues. The Commission (decision 2005/2) "welcomes the format of inviting keynote speakers to the sessions of the Commission". Member States and NGOs have sometimes held side events related to the theme of the Commission
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• 2005, the CPD has elected its Bureau at the start of each substantive session. A decision adopted in March 2004 changes the procedure so that the Bureau is elected at the end of each substantive session starting in 2005. A decision by ECOSOC formally established that the Bureau will be elected at the beginning of each session but that the first meeting of each session will be held immediately following the close of the previous session so that, effectively, the Bureau is elected about one year before the substantive session takes place. This procedure starts with the 39th Session of CPD. • The decision of March 2004 by CPD calls for the regular geographic rotation of the chair of the Commission and in its decision 2005/2, the CPD decided that, beginning with its 39th session, the order of rotation shall be (a) African states; (b) Asian States; (c) Eastern European States; (d) Latin American and Caribbean States; and (e) Western European and other States. • In 1997 the Commission requested that the Bureau hold yearly inter-sessional meetings to prepare the upcoming session. A report on the inter-sessional meeting, including Bureau recommendations, is presented to each session of the Commission.
Multi-Year Work Programme	• As follow-up to ICPD, the Commission adopted a multi-year work programme in 1995, covering themes for 1996-1999. Since 1999, themes have generally been selected for at most the two consecutive sessions. In its decision 2005/2, the Commission decided to establish, at its 39th session, a multi-year work programme covering a series of general themes that will be based on the ICPD Programme of Action and its implementation, and to determine, at that session, the duration of and themes for the programme of work.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• The Bureau of CPD meets with the Bureau of ECOSOC annually, during the substantive session of CPD. In its decision 2005/2, the Commission reaffirmed the importance and utility of such meetings. • CPD submits a report on its session to ECOSOC annually. • To the extent possible, CPD takes into account, to the extent possible, the special themes for the High-Level Segment and the Coordination Segment of ECOSOC in deciding topics for its own multi-year work programme.
Interaction between functional commissions	• The Chair of CPD attends the annual meeting of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with ECOSOC. • The Bureau recommended that CPD take the lead in highlighting the importance of population issues for the work of other functional commissions. • The CPD Bureau meets as necessary with the Bureaux of other commissions, most recently, with the Bureau of the CSW. • The Secretariat of other Commissions has been invited to address CPD (for instance, the Director of the Statistics Division)
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• There is regular participation by UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies, particularly UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO, ILO, FAO, UNESCO and the World Bank in the sessions of CPD. • There is participation of selected IGOs interested in population issues, especially IOM, as well as of a

	variety of NGOs.
Review and Appraisal	• Review and Appraisal of the outcomes of intergovernmental conferences has been carried out every five years since 1979. The most recent Review and Appraisal of the ICPD Programme of Action took place in 2004. In decision 2005/2, the Commission reaffirmed the central role of the CPD in coordinating the review and appraisal of the overall implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the outcome of the further key actions adopted at the 21st special session of the GA.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• The methods of work was considered by the CPD at its 38th Session, based on a SG report prepared by the Population Division, culminating in adoption of decision 2005/2. This resolution, among other things, decided that the Commission, at its 39th session, will further consider its methods of work.
Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) 13th Session (11– 22 April 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual meetings for a period of 10 working days. • Work organized in series of two-year action-oriented "Implementation Cycles", which include in the first year of the cycle a "Review Session" and in the second year a "Policy Session". The implementation cycle allows the Commission to expedite implementation through sharing of best practices, lessons learned, capacity-building activities and exchange of experiences. • Regular session includes High-level Segment. • The cycle provides for the development of a more effective system of reporting to the Commission. Measures were taken to streamline reporting. • High level interactive panel discussions were held on water, sanitation and human settlements with UN organisations, UN regional commissions, specialized agencies and Bretton Woods institutions as well as high level experts.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• The term of the Bureau remains one year. The election of the Bureau follows closure of the session to foster continuity and more effective preparatory processes.
Multi-Year Work Programme	• MYWP adopted at CSD11 provides for a series of two-year cycles starting in 2004 up until the year 2017.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Regular joint Bureaux meeting (14 April 2005). • Submits a report on each session to ECOSOC.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Participation in the meeting of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council during the substantive session of ECOSOC. In 2004 a Vice-Chair attended the meeting. • CSTD provided work done in the area of biotechnology as inputs for the work programme.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• CSD continues to experiment and adopt novel participatory mechanisms to increase the involvement of major groups, and to attract a significant participation and interest from major groups organisations. Building on the major groups integrated participatory approach introduced at CSD-12, the CSD-13 Bureau pursued a similar approach during the "policy year"; • The overall participation of major groups in the CSD-13 accounted for over 20 interventions during the first two days, followed by comments to the first Chair's draft negotiating text, a 90' interactive discussion with Ministers and closing statements. • An even greater participation of major groups was recorded during the week of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting of the CSD-13 held prior to the Policy session. • 516 representatives from 142 organisations participated in CSD-13. 71 side events and related activities were held during CSD-13, • A Partnership Fair and a Learning Centre were organized as official components of CSD-13 • At CSD11 the Commission further decided to strengthen implementation at the regional level, particularly through the UN regional commissions which hold regional implementation meetings in preparation for the review session and the participation of representatives of UN regional commissions in interactive panels devoted to regional perspectives during the CSD session.
Review and Appraisal	• CSD-13, as well as CSD-12, focused on the theme of water, sanitation and human settlements. In addition, the CSD-12 review session undertook an overall review of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. • In 2016-2017, overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 and Johannesburg

	Plan of Implementation (Council resolution 2003/61). • Review of the Barbados Programme of Action. In 2005 the Mauritius meeting undertook a 10-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action and adopted the Mauritius Strategy. • CSD-13 decided to devote one day of its review sessions to the review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable development of SIDS (MSI) focusing on that year's thematic cluster, as well as any new developments on SIDS' sustainable development efforts using existing modalities.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• The Commission is not expected to review its methods of work.
United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) 5th Session (16-27 May 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual session for a period of 10 working days. • Universal membership • Some sessions held in Geneva some in New York. • Ministerial high-level segments held at UNFF 2 (2002) and UNFF 5 (2005) • Facilitated regional and thematic panel discussions held every session: UNFF 5 ""Restoring the World's Forests"; "Forests Law and Governance for Sustainability"; and "Asia and the Pacific regional realities"." • Outcomes in the form of resolutions focus on "lessons learned and exchange of experiences". • Three ad-hoc expert groups were established by UNFF to provide scientific and technical advice on topics that will be dealt with by upcoming sessions. • Several country and organization led initiatives are usually held in between sessions on topics of relevance to a particular UNFF session. • Some 25-30 side events held every session during lunch time.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• Regular geographic rotation of chairmanship every session. • First meeting of future sessions held at the end of each session for the sole purpose of electing Bureau.
Multi-Year Work Programme	• 5 year MYPOW with thematic issues at each session. (2001-2005) • For each theme, there is mandated scope for bringing up emerging issues.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Yearly joint bureau meetings with the ECOSOC bureau. (17 May 2005) • In SG report on enhanced cooperation has before it suggestions for further cooperation and coordination with ECOSOC work. • Substantive parts of UNFF reports included in reports to ECOSOC on high level and coordination segment themes, if relevant to the topics before ECOSOC.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Participation in the joint meeting of chairmen of functional commissions • In SG report on enhanced cooperation has before it descriptions of relevant work of other functional commissions. • Forwarded a ministerial statement to the Johannesburg Summit on sustainable forest management that was included in the implementation plan.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) was formed at the invitation of ECOSOC to support the UNFF. CPF consists of 14 UN and non-UN intergovernmental organizations with relevant work in forests. • CPF have joint activities related to financing of SFM; streamlining of forest-related reporting; concepts, terms and definitions; as well as contributed to the drafts of SG's Reports to the session according to a focal agency system. • ECOSOC accredited major groups participate in a multi-stakeholder dialogue held at each session.
Review and Appraisal	• The UNFF started undertaking a review at its fifth session in 2005 and decided to continue its work on this review at its sixth session in 2006..
Status of the review of the	• The UNFF started undertaking a review at its fifth session in 2005, which includes an examination

methods of the work	of methods of work, and decided to continue its work on this review at its sixth session in 2006..
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) 4th Session (16-27 May 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Annual sessions of two weeks • Pre-sessional meetings (not on an annual basis) • Annual expert group meetings at the request of the UNPFII. • About 60 side-events during the annual sessions, organized by Governments, UN agencies, NGOs and academic institutions • Designation of annual special themes • Annual agenda includes follow-up on previous special themes • High-level panels on annual special theme • Dialogue with the agencies on annual special theme • Regional focus via side events (in 2005) and during session meetings (half a day of special focus on Africa to take place during 2006 session) • Members of the Forum designated as special rapporteurs to prepare expert papers on two themes at 2006 session (status and outlook or Forum's recommendations during its first three sessions; methods of work of the Forum) • UNPFII is represented at various international meetings of relevance to its mandate in-between sessions • UNPFII members pursue visits to agencies at their invitation (one or two agencies visited per year to promote the Forum's mandate) • UNPFII members participate at the annual session of the Inter-Agency Support group on Indigenous Issues to promote cooperation
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• Bureau elected at beginning of each session • Bureau serves as advisory group for the trust fund in support of the UNPFII established by the GA; also to serve as advisory group for the voluntary fund for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People; • Consulted inter-sessionally by the secretariat regarding organization of work of the subsequent annual session • Chairperson designates UNPFII members to participated in meetings of relevance to the UNPFII in-between the Forum's sessions
Multi-Year Work Programme	• Work programme on an annual or 2-year basis • Current work programme is until 2006
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Bureau of UNPFII meets annually with ECOSOC Bureau • Chairperson of UNPFII participates at the annual meetings of ECOSOC with the Chairpersons of functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies • UNPFII has sent its views to the 2003 high-level segment of the Council
Interaction between functional commissions	• UNPFII has been represented at the UNFF and the CHR, as well as the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and these bodies have been represented at the Forum, via their Chairpersons or special rapporteurs. Cooperation with CSW. • In 2005 UNPFII designated a member as special rapporteur to pursue further strengthening of cooperation with the Forum on Forests
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• More than 30 inter-governmental institutions participate at the annual sessions of the UNPFII, including regional organizations and IFIs. • Twenty inter-governmental organizations compose the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues • Some 1000 civil society representatives participate at the annual sessions • Some 70 States are represented at the annual sessions
Review and Appraisal	• 5-year review to be done by ECOSOC in 2006, as per ECOSOC resolution 2000/22
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• not applicable

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) 14th Session (23-27 May 2005)	
Organisation of work (Official meetings, panels, side-events)	• Decided (at its intersessional meeting) that its 14th regular session would be a five-day as opposed to the envisaged eight-day session provided for in the budget and that the Commission would consider a full regular agenda plus two additional items considered on a quinquennial basis, namely the consideration of the conclusions and recommendations of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty. • Follow-up to the action plans for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century. • Establishes a Committee of the Whole (CoW) to consider technical matters and draft resolutions prior to their consideration by the plenary.
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• Following ECOSOC res. 2003/31 on the functioning of the Commission, at the end of its 14th session, the Commission will elect its Bureau for its 15th session. • The Extended Bureau and intersessional meetings, enable the Commission to provide policy guidance to the crime programme of UNODC. Whenever appropriate, the Chairperson invites the chairpersons of the five regional groups, of the G77 & China and the Presidency of the EU to participate in Bureau meetings. • At its 14th session, the Commission mandated, at its intersessional meetings, to finalize the provisional agenda and documentation for the 15th session.
Multi-Year Work Programme	• The Commission is the preparatory body for the five-yearly UN Crime Congresses, and follows up each year on the implementation of the work of the congresses. It has also traditionally decided in advance the prominent theme for the forthcoming sessions, with efforts being made to biennialize its programme of work, including reporting obligations.
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Regular joint Bureaux meetings during or after session is concluded. • Submits a report on each session to ECOSOC.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Meeting of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council on July 2004, during the substantive session of ECOSOC in New York. • CCPCJ continued to pursue actively the synergies between the work of CND and UNODC.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• Participation of United Nations entities, inter-governmental organizations and NGOs that have consultative status with ECOSOC.
Review and Appraisal	• ECOSOC adopted res. 2003/31, "Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" decided with effect from 2004 to facilitate work over the intersessional period through the election of the bureau for the subsequent session at the end of each session, and involving the extended bureau in meetings over the intersessional period. • Pursuant to the above resolution and to Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 the Commission considered a report (E/CN.15/2004/14) which, *inter alia*, reviewed the working methods of the Commission and ways to enhance dialogue with Member States, and containing recommendations thereto. On the basis of that report, the Commission, at its 13th session, held substantive discussions on , *inter alia*, its working methods, duration of the sessions, the role and function of the thematic debate, the identification of policy issues for consideration at future sessions, the provision of policy guidance, synergies with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and on the increased transparency and dialogue with Member States. • At its 15th session, the Commission, considered its methods of work, holding discussions on organisation and themes for the thematic discussion at future sessions, the role of the Commission vis-à-vis providing guidance to the United Nations Programme on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and its role in relation to the functioning of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• New working methods were introduced in 2004.
Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) 8th Session (23-27 May 2005)	
Organisation of work	• Work organized as a series of multi-year action-oriented "Implementation Cycles", which include

(Official meetings, panels, side-events)	comprehensive analysis of the substantive theme through convening of panel meetings, as well as policy reviews at the annual sessions. • Annual meetings for a period of five working days. • Keynote speakers • High-level Round table on the Role of Science and Technology in meeting the Millennium Development Goals in July 2005 during the high-level segment of the ECOSOC in July 2005
Role of the Bureau (Election, inter-sessional activities)	• It elects the Bureau of the Commission on the final day of each session; and it establishes a system of regular geographic rotation for the chairmanship
Multi-Year Work Programme	• MYWP in a series of two year cycles starting in 2004
Cooperation with ECOSOC	• Regular joint Bureaux meeting (25 May 2005). • Submits a report on each session to ECOSOC.
Interaction between functional commissions	• Representations at the meeting of the chairpersons of the functional commissions with the Council during its substantive sessions since 2003.
Participation (Entities of the United Nations system, NGOs, private sectors, others)	• Regular participation by UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies, such as United Nations University, ITU, ECE, FAO, ILO, UN ICT Task Force, and UNIDO in the sessions of CSTD. • Participation of selected IGOs and NGOs interested in science and technology issues, especially the Trieste System, International Council for Science, Third Academy of Sciences, Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South and World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations.
Review and Appraisal	• Not applicable.
Status of the review of the methods of the work	• The report of Secretary General (E/CN.16/2005/4) to CSTD was considered by CSTD at its 8th Session. The Commission adopted a decision in which it decided that beginning with its 9th session, the Commission will adopt a biennial programme of work, with the first year focusing on policy analyses and the second year focusing on operational aspects and implementation. The Commission was called on to strengthen the connection between its review of implementation and its policy recommendations. It further decided that the Commission will encourage active participation of civil society in its panels, electronic working groups, and annual sessions. Finally, it called on the Commission to strengthen collaboration with other functional commissions of the Council, for example through cooperation and coordination between the various substantive secretariats and bureaux, particularly in the context of integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields. • Pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 2002/37, an open-ended working group was created in 2003 to examine possible approaches for improving the role and contribution of the CSTD in the recommendations and policy-making process of the United Nations system on science and technology issues. All member States of the United Nations have been invited to appoint a representative to this working group. As a result, new modes of interaction and coordination have been adopted with greater reliance on electronic discussion groups. The new modes of interaction have also improved dissemination and exchange of information and expertise between concerned United Nations organizations, Regional Commissions, governments, the private sector and NGOs.